

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING FEBRUARY 22, 2005

The Hall County Board of Supervisors met February 22, 2005, by published call in the county board meeting room, 121 South Pine, Grand Island.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pamela Lancaster.

INVOCATION - Invocation was given by Chairman Pamela Lancaster.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Richard Hartman, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster and Robert Rye. Also present was a representative from the *Grand Island Independent* and Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – Eriksen made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the following by consent agenda:

1. Accept and place on file the minutes of the February 8 meeting
2. Receive and place on file keno audit for quarter ending September 30, 2004
3. Accept and place on file the office reports from Register of Deeds, County Clerk and Hall County Sheriff
4. Accept and place on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
5. Accept and place on file communications as received

Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

OFFICE REPORT JANUARY 2005

TITLE FEES STATE	\$12,627.75
TITLE FEES COUNTY	\$ 6,485.25
RECORDING FEES	\$ 75.00
MARRIAGE LICENSES	\$ 195.00
PHOTO FEES/FAX FEES & MISC.	\$ 49.75
PLAT BOOKS/OTHER	\$ 81.00
CERTIFIED COPIES MARRIAGE LICENSES	\$ 145.00
TIME CARD FEES	\$.00
TOTAL	\$19,658.75

OFFICE REPORT HALL COUNTY SHERIFF OCTOBER NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2004

COPIES	347.00
HANDGUN APPLICATIONS	240.00
TITLE INSPECTIONS	7,880.00

OFFICE REPORT
REGISTER OF DEEDS
JANUARY 2005

DOCUMENTARY STAMP FEES	\$ 4,685.41
RECORDING FEES	15,075.50
PHOTO FEES	439.00

COUNTY ATTORNEY – Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham was present and stated that she did not have any items on the agenda.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Howard Maxon 103 West 23rd Street, Grand Island, requested to speak. He stated that he is no longer the Emergency Management Director and does not have access to his office. He stated that there are several federal grants that have not been completed and he does not want to see the fire district left out. His commitment to the county still continues.

Hartman stated that the county pays half of the bill and they could have had the courtesy to call regarding this issue. Lancaster stated that there is more than one issue and they are city employees.

5 PUBLIC WORKS - a COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION REGARDING PETITION FIULED BY PLATTE RIVER MALLARD HAVEN – This was referred to the public works committee to review to set a public hearing.

Andy Baack was present and requested to speak. Mr. Baack stated that he is the attorney for Mr. Lauvetz. Mr. Lauvetz will be gone until March 21st and requested the hearing to be after that date. The committee suggested March 22nd and he stated that would be fine. Attorney Jerry Janulewicz noted the importance of the legal description of the road, it needs to state the exact location and the starting and stopping points. Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham stated that this was discussed in the meeting.

Jeffries made a motion from committee to set the public hearing to open the road for March 22, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

6 DISCUSS & TAKE ACTION ON RESOLUTION CHANGING THE BOUNDARIES OF A DESIGNATED COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AREA – The petition requesting to remove this property was received on November 12, 2004 and the public hearing was held January 25th. The resolution to complete this request has been prepared.

Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded to approve Resolution #05-004 A RESOLUTION CHANGING THE BOUNDARIES OF A DESIGNATED COUNTY INDUATRIAL AREA. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and Hartman voted no. Motion carried.

7 DISCUSS & APPROVE HIRING DLR TO RE-DESIGN A HALL COUNTY JAIL FACILITY – The jail facility committee met and would like to hire DLR to do redesign work for the proposed jail.

Eriksen made a motion and Jeffries seconded to hire DLR to do the redesign work for the jail facility. Lancaster stated that she has requested assistance from the Deputy County Attorney on the proposed contract. Once the contract is completed they will come back with it at the next board meeting.

Hartman questioned what was going to be included in the new design, are they changing the size or the cost? Lancaster stated that the committee is looking at everything size, cost, management style and also the financing. They are looking at anything that will make it more palatable to the public. They are just staring over.

Arnold stated that the original design was for the direct supervision but the drawback with this method is that it requires more square footage so they are going to reconsider the indirect supervision method.

The vote on the motion to hire DLR for the redesign project for the proposed Hall County jail was taken. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

8 DISCUSS & APPROVE JOINING NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY OFFICIALS – Lancaster stated that this issue was discussed last year when an opportunity for GIS software was available through the National Association but the county did not join at that time. The national organization would give the county a national voice and they are also offering a prescription drug card that would be available to county residents, so any one that is under-insured or uninsured would be able to participate in this plan. The cost to join the national association would be \$1,017.00. She would like to join the association and offer this prescription card to the public. She has had Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham review the contract.

Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to join the National Association of County Officials. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to approve the contract offering the prescription drug card and authorize the Chair to sign. This will be for a one-year trial basis. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

9 DISCUSS SENDING LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR LB350 REGARDING LIQUOR LICENSES – Chairman Lancaster stated that LB 530 has been introduced regarding liquor licenses this legislation proposes more local control on the issuance of the licenses. Now the county does not have any say in this matter, if the county denies a license the state can override our decision.

Arnold stated that he would welcome the chance for the county to have more control, now the final decision is with Lincoln and they may not know the local situation.

Eriksen stated that he also supports this legislation.

Jeffries noted that one of the changes considers the density of the licenses in a specific area. For instance the City of Grand Island could only have a certain number of licenses and he supports this.

Hartman noted that now, even if the county denies a request, the state can override our decision. Arnold noted that maybe with this legislation there would be local input. The county knows where the problem bars are in a community.

Eriksen also stated that this may prevent a White Clay situation. The City of Lincoln also has concerns on the number of bars located on O Street.

Jeffries made a motion and Rye seconded to approve sending the letter of support for LB530. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

11 DESIGNATE A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE JOIN BOARD FOR UPPER PRAIRE/SILVER/MOORES FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT – Lancaster stated that the NRD contacted Hall County regarding the appointment of some one for this board. Lancaster appointed Jim Eriksen to serve on this board.

12 DESIGNATE A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE “STAKEHOLDERS” GROUP FOR THE CENTRAL PLATTE BASIN – The board received a letter from Ron Bishop regarding the development of an integrated ground water and surface water management plan. The stakeholders are the counties that this will affect. He is requesting a representative from Hall County. The group will start meeting in April and he is requesting that the board notify him before March 1 of the appointment. Discussion was held and the board members agreed that it is important that the county participate. Bud Jeffries expressed interest in this board.

Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded to send a letter of interest Chairman Lancaster appointed Bud Jeffries and Jim Eriksen as an alternate. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried. A letter will be sent the Central Platte with the appointments.

16 COMMENCE AUDIT OF BI WEEKLY PAY CLAIMS AND REGULAR CLAIMS AND ACTION ON CLAIM AUDIT – The board members reviewed the claims and discussion was held on the claim from Health and Humane Services for administrative cost. This claim is requesting payment in the amount of \$3,971.00 for administrative cost dating back to 2003 and 2004 cases. Concern was expressed on the fact that this was not filed in a timely manner. This will be referred to the audit committee for review.

Eriksen made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the bi weekly pay claims and regular claims but to hold claims number 05020620 for clarification. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Held a board of equalization meeting.

13 EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to go into executive session. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

10:06 a.m. executive session

10:20 a.m. Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded to go out of executive session. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Jeffries made a motion and Rye seconded to present the evaluation to the employee. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS – Hartman – none

Humiston – He attended the computer committee meeting and interlocal meeting. When the changes are completed they will report back to the board.

Eriksen – He attended the NACO meeting in Kearney and also attended the Central District Health board meeting. He reported that there will be a public meetings relating to the proposed smoking ban in public places.

Rye – He attended the computer committee meeting and the library board meeting last night.

Jeffries – He attended the public works committee meeting and the building and grounds committee meeting. He noted the selling price of property located on South Locust and stated the purchase of the Driesbach building was the steal of the century.

Arnold – He attended the building and grounds and public works committee and computer committee meeting.

Lancaster thanked the elected and appointed officials who signed to participate in the community Connection on GI Family radio. She reminded the board members to participate on Mondays before the board meeting. She noted that press conference announcing that the Grand Island Little theater and College Park will be working together. The addition for Senior Citizens is coming together and they are still selling bricks for the fund raiser. The Convention Visitors Bureau met yesterday and are working on a number of projects.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Chairman Lancaster called for new or unfinished business and no one responded.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting will be March 8, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk

